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1. SUMMARY: DURING POLITICAL COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS
ON THE MARGIN OF THEIR APRIL 4 COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC-
NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE NINE SHOULD NOT
ISSUE A NEW FORMAL DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AT
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PRESENT. THE MINISTERS ALSO DECIDED AGAINST A FORMAL
DECLARATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETING,
BUT AGREED THAT THE APRIL 7-8 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING
IN COPENHAGEN SHOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE
NAMIBIA INITIATIVE BY FIVE U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS. THE MINISTERS ALSO DECIDED ON OTHER TOPICS
TO BE INCLUDED ON THE POLITICAL COOPERATION AGENDA FOR THE

COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

2. MIDDLE EAST:

ACCORDING TO PERMREP SOURCES, THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE "TIMELY" FOR THE NINE TO ISSUE NOW A NEW DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION; THEY AGREED INSTEAD THAT THE DANISH PRESIDENCY MIGHT MAKE AN ORAL STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE COPENHAGEN EUROPEAN COUNCIL, SUMMARIZING DISCUSSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST BY THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. OUR SOURCES SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE NINE'S PUBLICLY STATED POSITIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE ISRAELI TURNAROUND ON RESOLUTION 242 AND THE CURRENT SITUATION IN LEBANON, DO CALL FOR INTERNAL DISCUSSION AMONG THE NINE.

3. IN SEPARATE PRESS BRIEFINGS AFTER THE MEETINGS, IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER O'KENNEDY AND UK MINISTER OF STATE JUDD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE EC HAD RECEIVED A RECENT DEMARCHE FROM THE EGYPTIANS (REFS A AND B) AND SAID THAT THE MINISTERS HAD TAKEN THIS INTO ACCOUNT. BOTH DENIED THAT THE EGYPTIAN MOVE HAD BEEN THE ONLY FACTOR ADDRESSED IN THE MINISTERS' DISCUSSION.

4. CSCE:

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O'KENNEDY AND JUDD TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE MINISTERS AGREED A STATEMENT BY THE NINE ON THE BELGRADE MEETING WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT THE MOMENT. O'KENNEDY SAID THE NINE WANT TO EVALUATE FURTHER THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING.

5. NAMIBIA:

O'KENNEDY TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE UK PROPOSED A FORMAL STATEMENT BY THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT ENDORSING THE FIVE-POWER NAMIBIA INITIATIVE AND THAT THE MINISTERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD BE USEFUL. HE INDICATED THAT THE NINE HAVE NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED A DRAFT TEXT BY THE U.K.

6. EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGENDA:

IN ADDITION TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND NAMIBIA (ABOVE), THE POLITICAL COOPERATION AGENDA FOR COPENHAGEN WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON RHODESIA, THE HORN OF AFRICA, AND THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A COMMON LEGAL ZONE TO COMBAT TERRORISM (REF C). O'KENNEDY TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE LEGAL ZONE/

TERRORISM QUESTION, WHICH IS NOW UNDER STUDY BY THE EC
INTERIOR MINISTERS, WILL LIKELY BE THE SUBJECT OF AN
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE DANISH PRESIDENCY FOLLOWING THE
SUMMIT. MORRIS

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